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#### Small Pollock at Eastport.

Eastport, Me., is having a gay time with the small pollock which have come into the harbor. The fishermen get five dollars per hogshead and are reaping a harvest. Recently the fish became so plentiful that many of them came in too close to the shore and were stranded when the tide went out and were picked up from the beach later.

#### The Herring Fleet.

According to advices received yesterday from Birchy Cove, N. F., schs. T. M. Nicholson, Elizabeth, Arbutus, Saladin and Indiana were waiting to secure cargoes of herring. The Indiana was the latest arrival.

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## NO ARRIVALS THIS MORNING.

### Two Small Fares Landed Yesterday Afternoon.

This is another morning with no arrivals at this port with fish. Yesterday afternoon, sch. Walter P. Goulart took out a small fare and shipped it to the Boston market.

Sch. Tecumseh also took out a small fare here yesterday afternoon.

Quite a number of the market boats are lying in port today and it appears that there is no chance to set today on the shore grounds.

#### Today's Receipts

Sch. Maud F. Silva, via Boston.  
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, via Boston.  
Sch. Aspinet, via Boston.  
Sch. Elva L. Spurling, via Boston.  
Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.  
Sch. Alice, shore.  
Sch. Galatea, shore.  
Sch. Tecumseh, shore, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Mary B. Greer, shore.  
Sch. Priscilla, shore.  
Sch. Washakie, shore.

#### Vessels Sailed

Sch. Oriole, Philadelphia.  
Sch. Ingomar, haddocking.

#### Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 13c per lb. for white, and 11c for gray.

Board of trade prices:

Large drift Georges cod, \$3.60 per cwt.; medium cod, \$3.25.

Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.

Large salt handline Georges cod, large, \$3.75; mediums, \$3.25.

Dory handline salt cod, large \$3.25; medium, \$3.

Eastern drift salt cod, large, \$3.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.65 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 65 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

#### Portland Fish Notes.

One trip of lobsters and one trip of fish were reported here Wednesday. Sch. Mary E. Smith had 6000 of the crustaceans for F. S. Willard and sch. Angie B. Watson took out 20,000 pounds of fish at Commercial wharf.

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#### Portland Fish Notes.

Fish receipts the past two days have been very light, for while the weather on land has been very mild a heavy sea has been running outside, so that the vessels of the local fleet that have run out to the fishing grounds have been unable to set their trawls and were obliged to come back empty. Under such conditions, coupled with the fact that the demand for fish has shown an increase the past week, our local dealers have been able to reduce the oversupply from the previous week although there are still ample supplies on hand.

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#### ANACORTES BUSINESS CHANGE.

##### Robinson Codfish Plant To Be Used for Grain and Provisions.

The Anacortes American says: "The reported sale of the Robinson codfish plant to the Anacortes Creamery Company has been confirmed by both Mr. Robinson and Mr. Armstrong.

"The sale has been made," said Mr. Robinson, "but we do not give up possession until June. My own plans for the future are not fully matured, but it is my expectation to remain in the fish business and on a much larger scale than in the past."

"We shall deal in grain and provisions of various kinds," said Mr. Armstrong. "We deal with a great many dairymen on the islands who have expressed a wish to be able to buy grain, hay and ground feed of us. It is more convenient to them and we will be able to make a fair profit. Our new business will bring many a dollar into Anacortes that now goes to Everett, Bellingham or Port Townsend."

#### LOST BOWSPRIT.

##### Sch. Selma Run Into This Morning By Sch. Moanam.

Sch. Selma, lying at anchor in the harbor was shorn of her bowsprit this morning, the result of being run into by sch. Moanam. A new stick will be put in immediately, so that the craft will not be delayed in sailing on her second halibut trip early next week.

The accident happened just before 7 o'clock. The Moanam bound down from Boston, was beating up the harbor, and her helmsman misjudged the distance in passing the Selma and the collision resulted, the latter's bowsprit going by the board. The Moanam was not damaged.

#### Nova Scotia Lobster Catch.

In stating that lobster fishing in northern Nova Scotia during the past season resulted in a catch far below the average, Vice-Consul-General Ross J. Hazeltine, of Halifax, describes the outcome of the fishermen's efforts to pack their own catches.

Fishermen did not get their traps placed until late in May on account of a disagreement with the packers, and afterwards their gear was successively destroyed by several storms. An extraordinarily poor season is reported as a consequence.

Differences arose at the beginning of the seasons between the fishermen and the packers which did not prove amenable to conciliation. During the season of 1908 the fishermen who owned their traps were paid \$3.75 per hundred weight for lobsters by a Louisburg factory, which since then has changed owners. The new proprietors refused to pay the former price and offered only \$2.25. The fishermen held meetings and resolved that they would not accept less than \$3. The packers refused to buy at that figure and the organized fishermen accordingly applied to the Dominion government for permission to pack their own lobsters. The department of marine and fisheries granted the privilege to a minimum of 15 fishermen to pack lobsters, profits to be shared between them, share and share alike. Two licenses were thus procured by the fishermen, who got to work about a month after the commencement of the lobster season.

Their efforts met with severe reverses, however. Two successive heavy storms destroyed almost all their traps, after they had experienced great difficulty in obtaining empty cans. The two factories succeeded in packing about 400 cases of lobsters. After all expenses were paid the men at one factory were paid about \$2.50 per hundredweight, and at the other factory about \$3 per hundred weight. In addition there remained on hand over 300 cases of empty cans, and other necessary outfits.

There is little doubt but that for adverse natural conditions, and with more efficient management and organization, the fishermen's co-operative plan would have met with a greater degree of success.

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#### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Corona will engage in halibutting under command of Capt. Augustus Peterson.

Capt. Isaac Merchant is in command of sch. Colonial in the fresh halibut fishery.

#### Fresh Halibut Vessels Spoken.

Capt. Charles Colson of sch. Selma reports speaking schs. Juno, Paragon, Waldo L. Stream, Yakima, Niagara, Tacoma and Dictator on the eastern part of Quero bank. The latter craft left there and went to the Gully.

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## TWO ARRIVALS AT BOSTON.

### Most of the Market Fleet In Port For Shelter.

There are only two fish fares at T wharf this morning and these are small ones from over Plymouth way. The dock is still full of vessels which are storm bound by the northeaster. With fair weather Monday, there will be a general clearance.

The two crafts in are schs. Nokomis and Esther Gray of the cod netting fleet. They struck a \$3.50 market for their large cod.

The usual large number of arrivals is not looked for Monday, as most of the off shore and many of the market fleet are in for harbor.

The skippers of the big crafts report that the school of haddock on the southwest part of Georges is pretty well broken up and many of the vessels will now go to the southeast part or to Little La Have bank for fares.

For the week ending Thursday night, there were 116 fresh fish arrivals with 2,467,400 pounds of fish at Boston, against 108 arrivals with 1,855,600 pounds of fish for the corresponding month last year.

#### The receipts in detail are:

##### Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Nokomis, 4500 cod, 300 pollock.

Sch. Esther Gray, 500 haddock, 5000 cod, 500 pollock.

Haddock, \$2.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.50; market cod, \$1.75; pollock, \$2 to \$2.50.

#### FISH WITH LEGS.

##### Valuable Specimen Received at the Carnegie Institute.

A tin box marked "handle with care" arrived at the Carnegie Institute at Pittsburg, yesterday, containing the specimen of scaleless aquapedic life called popularly a fish with legs, found by Dr. John Haseman at Mancas, Brazil.

Dr. Holland, director of the institute, said: "The specimen received is a scaleless animal, which is blind, has a dorsal cartilaginous cord instead of a true skeleton, has teeth in a small head, mouth on the under side and a protruding jaw, a dorsal skin flap resembling a fin and the anal opening at the tip of the tail, apparently the link between the salamander and a fish. The discovery is most important to zoologists."

#### Lunenburg, N. S., Bank Fishermen's Shares.

As an illustration of how the high line Nova Scotia fishermen fare in a season, read this, from the Clark's Harbor, N. S., Coast Guard:

"An exchange prints the following as a few of the higher results per man for the past season in the Lunenburg bank fishery:

"Sch. Yukon, Capt. Arthur Ritchey, \$316; sch. Revenue, Capt. Benjamin Cook, \$306; sch. Roma, Capt. Gabriel Himmelman, \$296; sch. Purana, Capt. D. Lohnes, \$301.

"It is assumed that these were the shares, clear of all charges attendant on the voyages, which of course lasted from spring till fall. Even then the respective earnings, not excepting the highest, will scarcely strike the majority of our readers as anything extraordinary. In fact, the impression will be the other way, with those who are accustomed to hear that branch of the fishery spoken of as paying better than any other.

"When men who spend the best part of the year absent from their homes, and necessarily hard at work most of the time, close the account with only \$300 apiece to their credit, it is evident they cannot enjoy life by the fireside during the winter months and have much to live on in the spring. As we recently observed, they must turn to lobstering, or some employment on shore, between bank voyages, otherwise, with the cost of living today, it would be extremely difficult, if not impossible to come out square."

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#### Sold Halibut for \$3400 at Portland.

Sch. Selma, Capt. Charles Colson, weighed off 28,000 pounds of halibut at Portland yesterday, stocking nearly \$3400. The fish brought 12 cents per pound, right through.



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## NEWFOUNDLAND WEATHER WARM

### Late Herring Vessels Now Securing Their Cargoes.

Reports last night from both Bay of Islands and Fortune Bay, N. F., report continued mild weather and herring very scarce at the latter place, with the five vessels there doing practically nothing.

At Bay of Islands it is very warm and mild and more like summer than winter. There has been no frost since the big fleet left for home a week ago last Monday. There is still a good body of herring in the Arms. The little sch. James A. Garfield, which left here late in December for Bay of Islands, N. F., arrived at her destination all right and now has on board several hundred barrels of selected pickled herring.

Sch. Indiana, which sailed from here January 19, has also arrived at Bay of Islands, N. F., and begun to load with salt herring.

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#### New Fireproof Sardine Factory at Eastport, Me.

It is said that before the season of 1910 opens the big wooden factories of the Seacoast Canning Company, located near the wharf of the Eastern Steamship Company, at Eastport, will be replaced by a much larger plant, built of fireproof materials, which will stretch from the Sea street wharf of the Washington county railway to the warehouse of the steamship company. The plans mean a centralization under one roof of the packing business of the Seacoast Company and will enable it to pack fish at a great saving. The new structure will be of concrete and will be only one story high, covering a large area with ample water front room to accommodate a large fleet of boats at one time. The interior equipment will be of the highest sanitary type and of the most modern mechanism.

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## ARRIVALS STILL SCARCE HERE.

### But Little Doing About the Wharves In the Fish Line.

The northeast storm for which coast warnings are set, is keeping a big fleet of market boats in port here today. Some of them have had one set and are anxious to get another before making the Monday market. Arrivals with fish are light, comprising one frozen herring craft and a halibuter from Portland.

Sch. Selma, via Portland has just a few salt cod, landing a fine catch of 28,000 pounds of halibut at the former port. From Bay of Islands yesterday sch. Lena and Maud brought a full load of frozen herring. The steamer Quoddy had a good shore catch, 6000 pounds of fresh fish.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

#### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Lena and Maud, Bay of Islands, N. F., 800 bbls. frozen herring.  
Steamer Quoddy, shore, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Selma, via Portland, 2500 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Eugenia, via Boston.

Sch. Moanah, via Boston.

Sch. Mary Edith, shore.

Sch. Ethel B. Penney, shore.

Steamer Nomad, shore, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Minerva, shore.

Sch. Mattie D. Brundage, shore.

Sch. Emily Cooney, shore.

Sch. Bellina P. Domingoes, shore.

Sch. Manomet, shore.

Sch. Ida M Silva, shore.

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Sch. Romance, via Boston.  
Sch. Fannie A. Smith, Newfoundland, frozen herring.

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## ONLY FOUR TRIPS AT T WHARF.

### Boston Fresh Fish Supply Un- equal to the Demand.

Offerings in the fresh fish line at T wharf this morning are light indeed, there being but four trips in, and between them they have only 39,000 pounds of cod, haddock and hake for the dealers to handle. One of the crafts in, sch. Teazer, is a fresh halibuter and has a fine catch of these desired fish, hailing for 25,000 pounds, which will bring a good price.

The other three arrivals are shore boats and sch. Washakie with 17,000 pounds, has the largest fare. For a Monday morning especially, the showing is a very slim one and the fish will soon disappear. Any crafts getting in today or tomorrow are sure to strike a fine market as the demand is far from being supplied with the handful in there this morning. Prices are good.

The receipts in detail are:

#### Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Teazer, 3000 salt cod, 10,000 hake, 25,000 halibut.

Sch. Washakie, 13,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Massasoit, 5000 cod.

Sch. Mary B. Greer, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 pollock.

Haddock, \$3.50 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$3 to \$5.50; market cod, \$3 to \$3.50; hake, \$2 to \$4.50.

#### CREW SHARED OVER \$100.

#### Big Fresh Halibut Trip Made By Sch. Selma.

Sch. Selma, Capt. Charles Colson, has started the New Year in good shape. As the result of her 19 days fresh halibut trip, she stocked \$3276.40, on which fine amount the crew shared \$96.22 clear per man. Besides the above stock there was \$200 worth of handline fish, the returns from which brought every man up to over \$100 share, the average share being \$106. One man, the high chap, got \$111, while the cook took down \$156 for his share of the voyage. Certainly some money to make in a shore time.

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#### Herring Catch at Placentia Bay.

Says the St. John's, N. F., Chronicle:

"Last week Joseph Inkpen of Burin, Jarred about 1000 barrels of herring in his seine near Sound Island, Placentia Bay. The schooner Ionia left Burin on Friday to take the herring on board and convey it to Boston direct for C. F. Bishop & Co. Herring have been scarce in Placentia Bay for several years and this is the largest catch taken there for quite a while."

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## MILD WEATHER CONTINUES.

### No Chance to Freeze Herring at Newfoundland.

Latest reports from Bay of Islands report no change in the mild weather conditions there, and there has been no chance to freeze a herring for two whole weeks. No ice is reported in the gulf and the natives believe that it will be an unusually open winter as far as the coming down of the ice floe is concerned.

Nothing encouraging comes from Fortune Bay, and it looks as though the season there would be the same failure it has been for the past several years.

Thus far this season, the herring receipts at this port have been 54,294 barrels salted, 7105 barrels pickled herring and 11,325 barrels frozen herring.

Chaney Hall, who has represented the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company in its herring operations at Bonne Bay and Bay of Islands the present season, will leave for home today.

The Newfoundland sch. Crafton McLeod, from Bay of Islands, N. F., is at Halifax, N. S., with a cargo of frozen herring.

#### Newfoundland Codfishery.

Says the St. John Trade Review:

"Practically, the whole voyage for the season of 1909 is now in the hands of the exporters, though small lots are finding their way in from time to time. The desire for the goods was keen amongst exporting houses all through the season, and, under similar conditions in other years, competition practically wiped out any attempt at culling, and high prices were given for tanqual fish. This year most of the merchants kept their heads, and insisted for fair cull on all goods that were never required to run the gauntlet of the culling board. If these men wanted the goods badly, (and, no doubt, they did), it would have been far more honest to offer a straight and above board figure for it, but at the same time, insist on strict cull. The practice of ruling out cull is not only demoralizing the fishermen, and holding out an incentive to dishonesty, but it is, besides, taking away from the good name which we have been slowly acquiring in our regular markets the last few years."

#### Portland Fish Notes.

Portland has been getting plenty of fish of late and 50,000 pounds more were added to the supply Friday by the arrival of part of the fleet. Those that came in were the Eva and Mildred with 6000, Richard V. Nunan with 12,000, Gladys B. Simmons 4000, Lochinvar 10,000, Robert and Carr 10,000. All the vessels disposed of their fares here but the prices paid were not very large.

During the present winter, Portland has been getting all the fish it wanted, and more, too, according to some of the dealers. The absence of any long continued bad weather has enabled the fishermen to get outside and back again every two or three days. But on the other hand, the past two weeks have been warm and high temperatures never stimulate the fish business and they haven't this winter. But for all of the big supply and the warm weather, the sea food has been disposed of with big orders being sent to points up the state.

#### Nova Scotia Company Purchasing St. Pierre Fish.

The Yarmouth, N. S., Trading Co. has opened a new department in their largely increasing business, that of purchasing fish from the French colony of St. Pierre, Miquelon. This is a result of the visit to that island last year of Mr. Ehr Gott, the enterprising manager. One of the French top-sail schooners—Germaine of Cancale, Capt. Dagoine—arrived at Yarmouth Monday, and the Korrigane, Capt. Lachivere Tuesday, with 5621 qtls. of dry fish. These vessels, flying the flag of France at their trucks, are quite a curiosity to the Yarmouth people, as it is rare, if ever, such rigs are seen in those waters.

The foremast has a long "fitted" topmast, upon which is carried a double square topsail, the remainder of the rig being of an ordinary schooner.